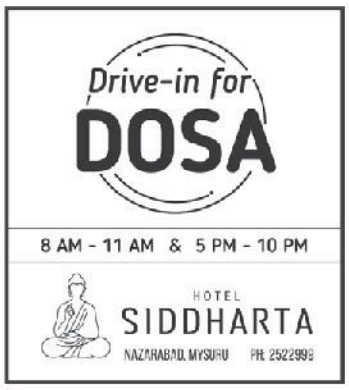

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Sale of fake Apple gadgets on K.T. Street

9 shops BOOKED

Mysuru, May 14 (GA&KS)- Following a complaint by representatives of Apple Inc., Lashkar Police have registered FIRs against owners of nine mobile phone shops on K.T. Street for allegedly selling duplicate Apple gadgets.

The shops booked are Naresh Telecom, Srikrishna Telecom, Raj Telecom, Mahesh Telecom, Madan Telecom, Neminath Telecom, Lalith Telecom and Hanuman Telecom.

According to the complaint, Mohamed Tauqeer of Semita Legal, Advocates and Solicitors, Noida, representing Apple Inc., visited Lashkar Police Station on May 12 and alleged that the shops were selling counterfeit Apple products using the company's logo, iPhone trademark and packaging material.

The complainant stated that he and his team had inspected the shops on May 11 and found duplicate Apple gadgets being sold to customers.

He urged the Police to initiate legal action against the shop owners and seize counterfeit products. Based on the complaint, Lashkar Police have registered cases against shop owners and are investigating.

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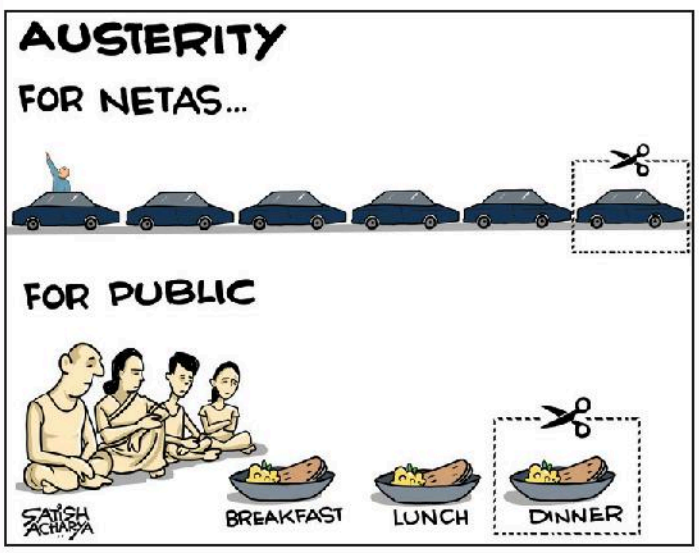
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

KARMA, THE UNSEEN BALANCE: ***As a child, I was inconsolable when my new footwear, left outside a temple, went missing. Those around me tried to comfort me with the phrase*** *"bala talli,"* ***suggesting that any misfortune coming my way had instead passed on to the person who took my slippers. Even then, the idea felt unconvincing. I remember wondering — if misfortune could be so easily redirected, why not simply leave things behind for others to take and cleanse our destiny? I was told that would only count as generosity, perhaps earning*** *karmic* ***merit.***

Years later, I see that moment differently. *Karma* ***is not a ledger where outcomes can be reassigned at will. Good and bad are not detachable; they are bound together, two sides of the same coin.***

A small incident captures this truth. One festival morning, a man passing a sweet shop noticed trays of freshly made *laddoos.* ***The shop worker was momentarily distracted and the street was empty. Temptation won. He took a tray home and his family enjoyed the unexpected treat. By the next day, however, all of them were struck with a severe stomach infection. What began as a moment of indulgence turned into days of suffering and mounting medical expenses.***

He later learned that other customers who had legitimately purchased sweets from the same shop had also fallen ill— but they were compensated by the shopkeeper, who sought to preserve his reputation. The man who had stolen the *laddoos* ***bore the full cost alone. What he had gained without right also denied him the possibility of redress.***

The episode reflects a broader truth: the benefits we receive are inseparable from the conditions that produce them. Even inherited wealth carries not only material advantage but also the unseen imprint of how it was acquired.

This principle finds resonance in the story of Krishna's death. Though he upheld *dharma* ***in the*** *Mahabharata,* ***he could not escape the grief caused to Gandhari. Her curse eventually led to his death at the hands of a hunter. In that moment, Krishna is said to have accepted it as destiny — even the divine are not spared of the inevitable unfolding of cause and effect.***

Karma, ***then, is not something we can pass on or avoid. It is something we inherit, create and ultimately live through — whole and indivisible.***

—Radhika D. Shyam in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's largest dog pool party held

Florida: A Miami-area dog park hosted a pool party with 277 dogs in an attempt to break a Guinness World Records title.

The Chewy Summer Social, hosted by pet supply company Chewy on Saturday at Chewy Bark Park, part of The Underline linear park in Coral Gables, gathered 277 canines of all sizes to dip into a series of kiddie pools.

A Guinness World Records adjudicator was on hand to count the participating pooches. Organisers said the count was enough to set a new Guinness World Record for the world's largest dog pool party.

Massive 11,000-carat ruby unearthed

Mogok: Miners in Myanmar have discovered a rare ruby of enormous size, considered to be the second-largest by weight ever found in the conflict-battered Southeast Asian nation.

The ruby, measuring 11,000 carats (2.2 kilograms, or 4.8 pounds), was unearthed near the town of Mogok, in the upper Mandalay region, the heartland of the lucrative gem-mining industry that has recently experienced intense fighting in the country's wide-ranging civil war.

According to a report, the newly found rough ruby was discovered in mid-April, just after the traditional New Year festival.

While it weighs roughly half the weight of a 21,450-carat (4.29 kilograms, or 9.45 pounds) stone found in 1996, the new discovery is considered more valuable due to its superior colour and quality.

Myanmar produces as much as 90% of the world's rubies, primarily from the areas of Mogok and Mong Hsu. Gemstones, both legitimately traded and smuggled, are a major source of revenue for Myanmar.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tiny hands need extra care this summer — keep your child hydrated, avoid direct sun exposure, and never ignore persistent fever.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar US - Consultant – Paediatrics - Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

"FoodTech for Thought" Fireside Chat tomorrow

Mysuru, May 14 - TiE Mysuru, in collaboration with CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), will host "FoodTech for Thought: Innovations Reshaping What We Eat," an evening of conversation, innovation and startup showcases tomorrow (May 15) at Hotel Arcor in city between 6 pm and 7.30 pm.

The event will bring together scientists, founders, investors and ecosystem leaders to explore the future of food innovation from Mysuru.

The highlight of the evening will be a Fireside Chat with Dr. S. Vijayalakshmi, Scientist, CFTRI, on the theme "Innovation, Enterprise & The Future of Food." The programme will also feature live startup showcases by three ventures emerging from CFTRI's incubator — Sugarcan Innovations Pvt. Ltd., IndiMeat and Iniya Bioprobes Pvt. Ltd. — working across alternative proteins, meat innovation, bio-diagnostics and biotechnology.

The event is designed to showcase how research-driven ideas are moving from the laboratory to the marketplace, while creating opportunities for collaboration between science, entrepreneurship, and industry.

Attendees will hear directly from scientists turning research into ventures and discover how Mysuru is becoming a growing hub for food innovation. For details, contact Mob: 97407-95154.

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REALLY...?

- ***The word "salary" comes from "salt": In ancient Rome, salt was so valuable that it was used as a form of payment as well as a preservative. The Latin word "salarium" referred to money given to soldiers to buy salt, hence the modern term "salary."***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *"Why does a stone sink in water when you throw it in?"*
Student: *"Because it does not know how to swim!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 95.93
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 129.69
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 26.06
1 Euro	= Rs. 112.33

VOICE OF THE READER

Felling of 561 trees: Don't be mute spectators

Sir,

I refer to Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem's article titled ***"Felling of 561 trees: A daylight highway robbery!"*** published in *SOM* dated May 10. The article presents a well-analysed and thought-provoking perspective on protecting the majestic trees along Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road while implementing the proposed flyover project at the Manipal Hospital junction.

When there is scope to save a large number of trees from being axed, the issue certainly deserves detailed discussion involving all stakeholders, instead of proceeding with a one-sided approach advocated by a few proponents of the project.

Even if motorists may face some inconvenience due to the redefined one-way traffic system suggested by Dr. Nayeem, it would be worthwhile if it helps preserve hundreds of trees.

As responsible citizens of Mysuru, we must unite and raise our voices in support of protecting the city's green heritage. This is not the time to remain silent spectators.

— **K.S. Rangaswamy**

Mysuru 10.5.2026

'Let's Dance Mysuru' event

Mysuru, May 14- The 'Let's Dance Mysuru - Edition 3' will be held at Mall of Mysore from 11 am onwards on May 17.

Organised in collaboration with USA Dance Academy - Mysuru and some co-sponsors, the event promises an energetic celebration of dance, creativity and young talent.

Participants will compete in two exciting categories — Solo and Group — across the following age divisions: Sub-Junior (5 to 9 years); Junior (10 to 14 years) and Senior (15 years and above).

The competition aims to provide a vibrant platform for aspiring dancers to showcase their talent and passion before a large audience.

Participants will stand a chance to win exciting cash prizes and gift vouchers worth over Rs. 50,000.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

Meghasree

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-932,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by Meghasree Suresh, Professor in Kannada, Accurate Academy, DPU College, Singer & Anchor, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, on May 16 (Saturday) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Review meeting

M. Ramappa, Chairman, Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation, will be visiting Mysuru district and holding a progress review meeting of the various schemes of the Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation with the District-level officers at Abdul Nazir Sab auditorium in Zilla Panchayat (ZP) on May 26 at 11 am. Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy will preside over the meeting, according to a press release from the District Manager of Karnataka Bhovi Development Corporation.

State Govt. hikes DA

The State Government has issued a notification increasing the Dearness Allowance (DA) of State Government employees and pensioners from the existing 14.25% to 15.75%. The hike will be effective from Jan.1 2026, according to the notification.

Applications invited

The Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible SSLC passed/ failed students for admission to one-year job-oriented Tool Room Machinist course. The last date for applying is May 15. For details, contact Mob: 99454-42654 or 90192-32390.

Book release

Kalasuruchi and Aparajite Prakashana have jointly organised a programme at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar on May 16 at 6.30 pm for the release and reading of the book 'Ajnatavasa' of Scientist and writer Dr. Palahalli Vishwanath. Gangadharaswamy will release the book. Krishnamurthy Chandar will speak about the book. Hariprasad will preside over the event.

Ayurveda camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital on Lalithadripura Road in Alanahalli is conducting a medical camp for neck pain, hip pain and shoulder pain from May 14 to 21 between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm. Call Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 95383-67282.

Approval must for private Water Purification Plants

Complaints of foul-smelling water, drinking water crisis raised at MGP meeting

Mysuru, May 14 (SPN&BCT)- Private Drinking Water Purification Plants can no longer be set up without mandatory approval from local authorities, clarified Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) Assistant Executive Engineer (East) S.L. Ravikumar.

He was speaking during a public interaction organised by the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) at its office on Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri on Sunday evening. The monthly meeting focused on the shortage of drinking water facilities in apartments and layouts across the city and its outskirts.

During the discussion, participants expressed concern over several privately operated water purification units in and around Mysuru allegedly mixing chemicals to prevent water spoilage.

Members said, water supplied from some of these units developed foul odour within two days of storage. Participant Rajesh urged the District Administration to take immediate action.

Responding to the concerns, Ravikumar said private operators must obtain permission from Local Bodies before establishing Purification Plants. He added that authorities had already received complaints regarding foul-smelling water and notices had been issued to two such units.

MGP members discussing water crisis and underground drainage issues at the monthly meeting at MGP office in Yadavagiri on Sunday.

Water scarcity in CMC areas

Residents also sought drinking water supply to Trendz Villas in Bogadi. Ravikumar clarified that issues concerning areas outside the city limits come under the jurisdiction of the District Administration and not VVWW.

Participants pointed out that apartment complexes in Srirampura, Bogadi Town Panchayat and Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) limits are facing severe drinking water shortage, with residents demanding immediate supply from Kabini or Cauvery sources.

Participants also highlighted persistent problems in Mysuru city's underground drainage (UGD) network. They said, rain frequently leads to blockages, causing sewage to overflow onto roads. Members observed that layouts on the city's outskirts are facing even more serious issues relating to both UGD and drinking water supply.

Suggestions were made to replace the old UGD network through a desilting-based modernisation system to prevent recurring blockages.

Members warned that unless outdated rod-based pipeline systems are replaced, the problems would continue.

Mysore Grahakara Parishat member Vishwanath said, water scarcity has become severe in Rammanahalli Town Panchayat limits and called for urgent intervention.

The meeting urged the District Administration to address the worsening drinking water and drainage crisis in Mysuru's peripheral areas.

Among those present were Mysore Grahakara Parishat Working President S.K. Dinesh, Secretary Prabha Nandish and members T.R. Ravindran, Rajesh, K.V. Banu Prashanth, Mansoor Arif, S. Shailajesha, Lakshmish, Vasanthkumar Mysoremath, D.V. Dayananda Sagar, M. Venkatesh Rao, P. Rakesh, Ravishankar Bale, Santosh, R. Gururaj, V.S. Sethuram, S. Shobha, S. Satish, Rajanna, Chandrashekar, Madhu, Kumaraswamy, Atmananda, B.V. Bevinakatte and M. Shivakumar.

Four ganja peddlers sentenced to jail

Mysuru, May 14 (MK&KS)- In separate cases, city's 7th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced four ganja peddlers to four-year rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 80,000 after they were found guilty of the crime.

In the first case, on Sept. 25 at about 4.30 pm, Police found a ganja peddler sorting ganja leaves on the road leading to Royal Function Hall, next to old Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway near Pothraju Building, with an intention to sell the narcotic substance to truck drivers and youths, and arrested him. The Police had also seized 2.568-kg ganja from him.

Investigation Officer K.S. Niranjan, who conducted investigation, had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court. Judge M. Ramesh, who took up the case, heard the arguments from both sides, found the accused guilty and sentenced him to 4 years rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 40,000 on him. The convict has to undergo an additional six months rigours imprisonment if he fails to pay the fine.

In the second case, Police caught three persons transporting 5.918-kg ganja in a passenger auto (KA-03-AB-4616) on May 28, 2023 at about 9 am.

Investigating Officer S.D. Sureshkumar, who conducted investigation, had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court.

Judge M. Ramesh, who took up the case on Apr. 30, 2026, heard the arguments from both sides, found all the three accused guilty and sentenced them to four years rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 40,000.

Failing to pay the fine, the convicts will have to undergo an additional six months rigorous imprisonment. Public Prosecutor N.B. Vijayalakshmi argued on behalf of the Government.

Woman rider killed as tanker hits scooter

Mysuru, May 14 (PM&KS)- A woman was killed when a tanker hit the scooter she was riding near GRS Fantasy Park on Metagalli Ring Road on Tuesday morning.

The deceased woman has been identified as A. Lakshmidevi, a resident of Mogarahallimanti village in Srirangapatna taluk. She was working in a garment factory at Bannimantap in city.

On May 12 morning, Lakshmidevi, who came riding her scooter on the Ring Road, was taking a turn to enter the Service Road when the tanker, coming from the same side hit the scooter. Lakshmidevi, who sustained serious injuries, breathed her last after failing to respond to the treatment.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police have registered a case.

Copper cable coils stolen near Kadakola

Mysuru, May 14 (PM&KS)- Miscreants have stolen nine copper cable coils from solar power point generation work spot at K.N. Hundi near Kadakola on May 7.

A complaint in this regard was lodged by Shashikanth of security service company on May 10 and Mysuru South Police have registered a case.

In his complaint, Shashikanth has stated that the security service company had bagged the contract of providing security to the work spot and two security guards were deployed for day and night shifts.

But on May 7 night, nine copper cable coils were stolen from the work spot.

Based on the complaint, Mysuru South Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

‘JD(S) will win more seats in next Assembly polls’

Nikhil Kumaraswamy at ‘Janarondige Janata Dal’ event

SHOW OF STRENGTH: ***JD(S) State Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy*** *(centre)* ***seen with party leaders and workers during the mega ‘Janarondige Janata Dal’ Convention near Mellahalli on Bannur Road in Mysuru yesterday.***

Mysuru, May 14 (MTY&DM)- Saying that the JD(S) has accepted Chief Minister Siddaramaiah’s statement that the number of JD(S) Legislators will come down to single digit in the next Assembly polls as a challenge, State JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy asserted that the party will end up with more than 58 seats in the Assembly polls.

Addressing ‘Janarondige Janata Dal’ (people connect) convention near Mellahalli on Bannur Road coming under Varuna Assembly Segment yesterday, Nikhil said that CM Siddaramaiah, who once enjoyed power while in JD(S), is now speaking lightly against the party at Vidhana Soudha. JD(S) will teach a fitting lesson to the CM in the next Assembly polls, he thundered.

“The State is facing an unprecedented situation, thanks to the corruption, nepotism and groupism in the ruling Congress Government. The State Government has used nearly Rs. 30,000 crore SCP/TSP funds for implementing its Guarantee Schemes in the past three years. This apart, the Government has reduced the fund allocation under these schemes from Rs. 190 crore to Rs. 50 crore, which is nothing but a betrayal of Dalits,” he said while hitting out at the hypocrisy of the Siddaramaiah Government.

“The JD(S) will take all measures for strengthening the party in Varuna Assembly Segment, represented by CM Siddaramaiah. The party leader Abhishek Manegar is doing his best for organising the party in the Assembly segment,” he said and appealed the people to support Abhishek in his organisational efforts.

Lashing out at the CM for speaking lightly of JD(S), Nikhil asserted he would organise the party in all the 224 Assembly Segments of the State by holding such conventions. Stating that as many as 2,416 farmers have ended their life in the past 3 years, he said the debt of the State Government exceeds Rs. 7.64 lakh crore. Accusing the Congress of being anti-farmer, he said, the H.D. Kumaraswamy Government had waived off Rs. 25,000 crore farm loans, which had then benefited about 25 lakh agrarian families. Nikhil vowed to throw out the corrupt Congress regime led by Siddaramaiah in the next Assembly polls.

Former Minister and State JD(S) Working President S.R. Mahesh said, the Government has burdened every citizen of the State with Rs. 1.17 lakh loan. Charging the Congress Government of doing nothing other than concentrating only on implementation of its Guarantee Schemes, he maintained that the NDA would form the next Government in the State and H.D. Kumaraswamy would lead it.

Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, in his address, charged the Congress Government of abnormal hike in electricity tariffs. Noting that the State Government has hiked the rates of almost every thing, he accused the Congress of giving free Guarantees on one hand and looting the people by hiking tariffs, rates and prices of utilities and articles of daily use at will, on the other hand.

Earlier, Nikhil Kumaraswamy was accorded a grand welcome upon his arrival at Bugathagalli Gate on Bannur Road with party workers showering flowers and garlanding him with a huge apple-garland using a crane.

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, JD(S) Mysuru City President SBM Manju, District President M. Ashwin Kumar, Varuna Constituency leader Abhishek Manegar, party leaders K. Mahadev, M.J. Ravikumar, Prasanna Kumar, Belavadi Shivamurthy, Krishna Nayak, Hemalatha, Subbappa, Varuna Prashanth, Ramu, Balakrishna, Nagesh Gowda and others were present during the convention.

NEET row: Youth Congress activists protest near MP Yaduveer’s Office

Mysuru, May 14 (BLU&BCT)- Condemning the alleged irregularities in NEET, Youth Congress activists staged a protest near the office of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar at the CADA office complex yesterday.

The protesters raised slogans against PM Narendra Modi and the Union Govt., accusing them of failing to prevent the alleged leak of NEET question papers.

Police had erected barricades and deployed tight security around the MP’s office to prevent the demonstrators from entering the premises.

Despite the security arrangements, the protesters attempted to break through the barricades and march towards the MP’s office. Police intervened and detained several activists, leading to tense moments at the spot.

Youth Congress leaders Hoysala, Basavanna, Nagesh, Kariyappa, Deepak and others took part in the protest.

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TODAY'S MATCH MAY 14

PBKS Vs **MI**
HPCA Stadium, Dharamshala, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH MAY 15

LSG Vs **CSK**
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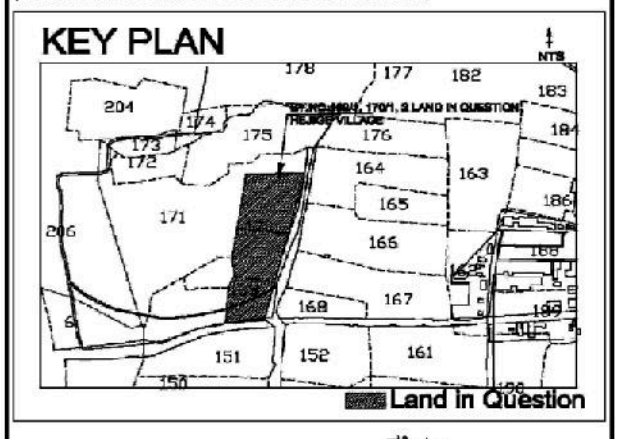

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Bringing hope, dignity to specially-abled children

Mythri Charitable Trust nurtures abilities, builds confidence and empowers special children

First-hand experience at a supermarket.

Engrossed in making paper bags.

Giving keyboard a try.

Finishing touches to paper bags.

By Alankrita Latkar and S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Caring for children requires patience and attention. But nurturing specially-abled children demands something more: Dedication, compassion and unwavering commitment.

For over four decades, Mysuru-based Mythri Charitable Trust has quietly embodied all three through its Mythri Special School, working towards empowering specially-abled children and adults through education, skill development and vocational training.

Founded in 1973 by Prof. N. Venkoba Rao and former CFTRI scientist Dr.Balakrishnan, along with a group of like-minded individuals, the school began modestly in a small portion of the historic, now dilapidated Lansdowne Building.

At a time when there were hardly any institutional facilities or Government departments dedicated to special education, the founders personally contributed funds to keep the initiative alive.

Giving it a direction

However, sustaining the institution was not easy. A few years later, when the school was on the verge of closure, Prof.Venkoba Rao formally established the 'Mythri Charitable Trust' in 1982, giving the institution a renewed identity and direction. Since then, the Trust has continued its efforts for nearly 45 years, helping specially-abled children lead more independent and dignified lives.

Today, the school caters to students aged between four and 52 years with different forms of disabilities. The atmosphere inside the school is far removed from the rigid image of a conventional classroom.

Laughter, colours and creativity fill the space, while classroom walls are lined with teaching aids, sensory boards and learning materials designed to make education interactive and engaging.

Specially-designed curriculum

The institution follows a specially designed curriculum aimed at developing both cognitive and motor skills. Students participate in a range of activities, including drawing, painting, pottery, paper craft, candle making, soft toy making, papier-mache work, Yoga and basic computer training.

Vocational training remains one of the key focus areas of the Trust, with the aim of helping students integrate into mainstream society and eventually secure employment.

Apart from children, the Trust also works with specially-abled adults, who are trained in making paper bags, candles, jewellery, rangoli designs and handicrafts alongside the students.

'Geetu Geechu' expo

One of the recent highlights of the Trust's initiatives was 'Geetu Geechu,' an art exhibition organised at Suchitra Art Gallery in Kalamandira complex. The exhibition showcased paintings and artworks created by the specially-abled students and received an encouraging response from visitors.

A total of 56 paintings were displayed, with each priced between Rs. 500 and Rs. 700. The proceeds from the sale went back to the specially-abled participants as part of their vocational training and livelihood support.

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Students of Mythri Special School posing in front of the school.

Special educators of Mythri School.

PM's call for fuel austerity

CM Siddaramaiah on inspection-spree in Mysuru; 30-vehicle convoy raises eyebrows

Mysuru, May 14 (BLU&BCT)- Amid a nationwide push for fuel conservation and austerity measures advocated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi following the West Asia conflict and fuel shortage concerns, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's inspection spree in Mysuru city this morning raised eyebrows over the sheer size of his motorcade, which exceeded 30 to 35 vehicles.

The Chief Minister was in the city to inspect several major infrastructure projects, including the ongoing underground cabling works replacing 11 kV overhead power lines along the Outer Ring Road at Srirampura. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 588.24 crore.

The inspection tour began at Aravinda Nagar, where Siddaramaiah reviewed the underground cabling work on Shiva Temple Road. He later visited Manandavadi Road to inspect the ongoing white-topping works.

Siddarmaiah also reviewed the construction of new buildings at Maharani's College, expansion works at Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research and the progress of the Sub-Urban Bus Stand project at Bannimantap.

However, the size of the Chief Minister's convoy became a talking point during the visit. According to eyewitnesses, more than 30 to 35 vehicles accompanied the CM's tour across the city.

Vehicles of all top officials

The convoy reportedly included official vehicles carrying senior Police officers, including the City Police Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Police, besides the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner, officials of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) and the Public Works Department (PWD).

Vehicles carrying other Ministers from Mysuru, such as Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and K. Venkatesh, MLAs, chairpersons of Boards and Corporations, Congress leaders and supporters also joined the convoy. Apart from the official CM's security fleet from Bengaluru that moved ahead of the CM's vehicle, several vehicles belonging to party workers and aspirants for political posts followed his motorcade.

Commuters pointed to the contrast between the CM's large convoy and PM Modi's recent appeal for fuel conservation and reduction in Government expenditure.

While officials maintained that the convoy size was dictated by security protocols and the presence of multiple departments for spot inspections and decision-making, critics questioned the need for such a large fleet at a time when austerity measures are being discussed nationally.

Temporary measure: CM

Responding to PM Modi's call on fuel conservation and reduction of VIP convoys, Siddaramaiah said that it was only a temporary measure.

"To save diesel and petrol, the Prime Minister has reduced security cover and has called for austerity. But this is only a temporary solution. I will observe whether other States are following these austere practices. This is not a permanent remedy. The Central Government must hold discussions with other countries to resolve the oil issue and PM Modi must show genuine interest in the matter," he told reporters.

Jharkhand Finance Minister visits Harangi

Madikeri, May 14 (PS&BCT)- Jharkhand Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore, accompanied by his wife, visited the Harangi reservoir in Kodagu yesterday along with State officials.

The Minister reviewed details related to the reservoir's construction and water storage capacity before visiting the Dubare elephant camp. Kushalnagar Tahsildar Kiran G. Gowraiah and Harangi Junior Engineer Soumya were present during the visit.

Jharkhand CM to leave Kodagu today: Meanwhile, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and his family, who had planned to visit the pilgrimage centres of Bhagamandala and Talacauvery, cancelled the trip at the last moment due to unforeseen reasons.

Police had made security arrangements in anticipation of their visit. Instead, the CM and his family stayed at the Leela Palace resort in Kodagu.

On Tuesday, Hemant Soren and his family also visited the Namdroling Monastery in Bylakuppe and viewed the Buddhist stupa.

Hemant Soren, his family, Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore and others are scheduled to return to Jharkhand today. Sources said they are likely to travel by road to Bengaluru around noon and board a flight to Ranchi from Kempegowda International Airport.

There were also reports that the delegation might depart from Mysore Airport by a special flight. However, officials maintained secrecy over the final travel arrangements.

Cops trace 'missing valuables' in a jiffy at Chamundi Hill

Concerted action helps K.R. Police Outpost staff crack cases; devotees thank Policemen

Mysuru, May 14 (GA&BS)- In the last 10 days, Police personnel attached to K.R. Police Station Outpost at Chamundi Hill, have acted swiftly, by tracing and returning the lost valuables to the devotees.

In one case, a devotee who came out of Goddess Chamundeshwari Temple, after having darshan of the deity, was shocked to find her purse containing Rs. 25,000 cash missing. Another devotee had lost purse with Rs. 10,000 and the third complaint was related to the losing of a cell phone.

Acting swiftly, the Police announced on the microphone about lost valuables, besides repeatedly calling the mobile number to trace the device. They also monitored the CCTV footages to locate the exact spot, where the valuables had gone missing. Eventually, the Police succeeded in tracing all those articles.

Police returning the lost cash upon recovery to a devotee at K.R. Police Outpost atop Chamundi Hill recently.

With this Police brought smiles on the faces of those devotees, who had almost lost hopes on getting their valuables back and safe, as it is common to lose valuables either to thieves or the slip of hand, during heavy rush at those religious tourist spots, where the visitors density is high.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Creation, in many tongues

When we think of creation myths in our country, we usually jump to the big Sanskrit stories: Brahma sitting on a lotus, Vishnu sleeping on the serpent, Shiva dancing the cosmos into being. But India is not just Vedas and Puranas. India is also Bhil, Gond, Santhal, Khasi, Banjara, Dhangar, Koli, Toda, Rabari, Munda, Nicobarese and Lepcha. Each of these communities has its own memory of how the world began.

For Bhils of western India, the world began when their deity Babo Pithora dived into the primordial ocean and brought up mud. From this mud came earth. Babo and Rani Kajal decorated the earth like a painted wall, filling it with colour and life. To this day, Bhil homes carry pithora paintings — ritual murals that recreate that first moment of creation. Creation, here, is art. God is a painter.

The Gonds say that Bhagavan, the great creator, sent an earthworm to bring up mud from beneath the waters. Then came Lingo, the first bard, who sang the world into culture. In this myth, creation is not complete until someone sings. Music and ritual finish what mud and water

begin. It is a reminder that civilisation is not just built but also performed.

Of family, loss, livelihood

The Santhals of Jharkhand speak of Thakur Jiu, who placed the first couple, Pilchu Haram and Pilchu Budhi, on a hilltop when the world was still water and sky. A goose brought up mud, land formed and the couple's many children populated the earth. The Santhal myth is intimate, domestic, with a clear ancestral tree. It is less about gods and more about parents and children — a family story.

The Khasis of Meghalaya imagine that once all humans lived in heaven, descending to earth by a cosmic tree. But one day, the tree was cut down. The path to heaven was lost forever. The myth explains not only how the world was made, but why we feel separated from the divine. Creation is not just a beginning — it is a loss

The Banjaras tell of Sevalal Maharaj, who asked for land when the world was covered with water. A fish or turtle brought up the mud that became earth. Sevalal then taught the Banjaras how to trade, roam and cook. Here, creation is tied to livelihood. The point of the myth is not just to explain the earth, but to explain why Banjaras are forever on the move.

Born from fish eggs and for buffaloes

The Dhangars, shepherds of Maharashtra, imagine that when the earth was barren, God first made sheep, then a man to herd them, then a woman to share his work. Their seven sons became the seven Dhangar clans. Creation here is pastoral. The world becomes meaningful only when there are flocks and shepherds to tend them.

The Kolis of the west coast say they were born from fish eggs. The ocean mother gave them legs so they could live on land, but their heart would always belong to the sea. For the Todas of the Nilgiris, the buffalo came before man. Humans were created just to care for the buffalo and offer its milk in ritual. For the Rabaris of Kutch, Parvati shaped the camel from desert clay and asked Shiva to give it life. The Rabaris came next, to guide the camel across the desert sands.

Each myth reflects its geography. Sea myths make us children of the ocean. Mountain myths make us keepers of buffalo. Desert myths make us guardians of camels. River myths, like those of the Mundas, speak of Singbonga, who sent birds to fetch earth from the cosmic sea so that rivers, forests and humans could appear.

In the Nicobarese tale, a giant crab lifts the land out of the ocean and humans are made from the soft inner wood of the first tree. The Lepchas of Sikkim say Kanchenjunga was the first mountain and its melting snow made the first river, whose clay was used to fashion humans.

Respect for ecology

These myths are not just about cosmology, they are about ecology. They teach us to respect the sea, the forest, the mountain, the desert, the river. They locate human identity in relation to animals — fish, birds, buffalo, camels — and in relation to work, such as painting, singing, herding, trading.

In Brahmanical myths, the world is often created for the sake of yajna, sacrifice. In tribal myths, the world is created for the sake of relationships: with nature, with animals, with each other. In these many beginnings, we find not one truth but many truths. And perhaps that is the real gift of India — that creation is not a single Big Bang, but a thousand small songs, each sung in a different tongue, each rooted in a different soil, each pointing to a different way of being human.

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Mysore Travel Mart-2026 at JCAC from June 5 to 7

Mysuru, May 14 (GA & BNR)- The fifth edition of Mysore Travel Mart-2026 has been organised by Mysore Travels Association (MTA), in collaboration with GRS Fantasy Park, Central Tourism Department, Karnataka Tourism Department, Mysore Hotel Owners Association and SKAL International Mysore, at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar 1st Stage from June 5 to 7.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday, B.S. Prashanth, President, MTA & FOAM (Federation of Organisations & Associations of Mysuru), said that the event will be inaugurated on June 5 at 11 am by Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, State Tourism Minister H.K. Patil, Mysore District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda.

B.S. Prashanth** (2nd from left), **President, Mysore Travels Association (MTA) & Federation of Organisations & Associations of Mysuru (FOAM), addressing the press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday as** (from left) **K. Manjunath, Secretary, MTA & FOAM; C. Narayanagowda, President, Hotel Owners' Association - Mysuru & Vice-Chairman, MTM-2026; C.A. Jayakumar, President, SKAL International - Mysuru & Chairman, MTM-2026 and Samarth Vaidya, Secretary, MTM-2026, look on.

"On the morning of June 6, a session will be held on the topics of 'Media and Tourism', 'Film City in Mysore', 'Tourism and Sustainable Development' by senior journalists, famous film actors and pioneers of sustainable tourism. Journalist Vishweshwar Bhat will be part of the discussion. There will also be a session on Airport Development which will be attended by MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, former MP Prathap Simha and former Mysore Airport Director R. Manjunath," he explained.

He added that on the same day 'SKAL International Mysore Tourism and Hospitality Award Night' will be held, recognising famous hotels, resorts, tourists and those directly or indirectly working for the development of tourism in Mysuru.

Stating that more than 100 stalls will operate from 10 am to 8 pm on all the three days, Prashanth said "Exhibitors, not only Mysuru, but also from various places including Kodagu, Jaipur, Rajasthan, Kerala, Bhubaneswar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir and abroad will participate. Also, more than 450 hosted buyers will come from across the country."

Pointing out that the tourists, who visit Mysuru, will move to Wayanad and Ooty after touring Mysuru in a single day, he said that we should think of ways to develop Mysuru tourism so that tourists wish to stay back in Mysuru for long period.

"Mysore Travel Mart-2026 is an attempt to make the entire Karnataka, especially Mysuru, a city of even greater importance on the tourism map of India. Over 10,000 people are expected to come over 3 days. Everyone will have free access to the event. The closing ceremony will be held on the evening of June 7," he concluded.

Karnataka rolls back 2022 ban, allows hijabs in schools

Bengaluru, May 14 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Government yesterday withdrew its controversial Feb. 5, 2022, uniform order, allowing students to wear limited community, traditional and customary symbols, including hijabs and sacred threads, along with prescribed school uniforms.

The revised order applies to Government Schools, aided and private educational institutions and PU Colleges across the State. While institutions will continue to prescribe uniforms as per rules, students will now be permitted to wear certain traditional and customary symbols as supplementary to uniform. The government clarified that such symbols should not replace, alter or defeat the essential purpose of the prescribed uniform.

Among the permitted symbols are *hijab* (headscarf), *janivara* (sacred thread), *shivadhara*, *rudraksha* and *sharavastra*. Other similar customary symbols will also be allowed, provided they do not interfere with discipline, safety or student identification.

However, saffron shawls will not be permitted. The Government stated that saffron shawls do not fall under religion, unlike sacred threads and symbols.

> **"Students cannot attend schools wearing saffron shawls and saffron turbans. Only traditional headgear that has existed from the beginning will be allowed. If the colour of the turban is changed now, it will not be accepted. We have not permitted only hijabs; *janivara* (sacred thread) and *shivadhara* turban have also been allowed. However, new forms of turbans will not be permitted."**
>
> — CM Siddaramaiah in Mysuru

"No student shall be denied entry to an educational institution, classroom, exam hall or academic activities merely because they are wearing such limited traditional and customary symbols along with prescribed uniform," the order stated.

The Government also said that no student can be compelled either to wear or not wear such symbols. At the same time, it clarified that national and State-level dress code regulations may be enforced during exams wherever applicable.

The order directed institutions to implement the policy in a uniform, secular and non-discriminatory manner.

School Development and Monitoring Committees (SDMCs), College Development Committees (CDCs) and heads of institutions have been instructed to ensure that no student faces discrimination or humiliation over attire. The Commissioner of School Education and Literacy and the Director of PU Education have been directed to issue implementation guidelines.

The decision drew sharp criticism from the BJP, which accused the Congress Government of reviving the hijab issue for vote-bank politics.

Leader of Opposition R. Ashoka alleged that the Congress Government was indulging in appeasement politics and termed the move anti-Hindu.

Senior BJP leader Amit Malviya also criticised the decision, saying schools should remain neutral spaces focused on equality and education rather than religious identity.

9 MCC officials sent back to parent Department

Mysuru, May 14 (PM&DM)- In a major shake up of officials serving in City Corporations across the State on deputation from other Departments for long, State Government has ordered sending back of 50 officials working in different City Corporations, including 9 serving in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

The MCC officials, who have been sent back to their parent Department are: Mahesh Kumar Jigani who was serving as MCC Zonal Assistant Commissioner to Department of Prisons, Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil) T.S. Satyamurthy to Municipal Administration Department, AEE (Civil) Jagadish to PWD Department, AEE (Environmental Engineering) M.J. Meenakshi to Municipal Administration Department, AEE/ Development Officer M. Chetan Babu to PWD, AE (Civil) K. Mani to PWD, AEs M.V. Sagar, Rakshath Gowda and Lokeshwari (Environmental Engineer) to Municipal Administration Department.

Rs. 72,633 Mysore Silk saree stolen from KSIC Showroom

Mysuru, May 14 (GA&KS)- A silk saree worth Rs. 72,633 has been stolen from the KSIC Mysore Silk Showroom at Mayura Yatri Nivas on JLB Road in city, according to the complaint lodged by Showroom Supervisor D. Jogaiah at Devaraja Police Station.

In his complaint, Jogaiah has stated that the showroom opened at about 10 am on May 5 during which there were 36 Mysore Silk sarees in the showroom. At about 2.15 pm, the Supervisor brought 72 Mysore Silk sarees from the factory, entered the same in the stock register and kept them for sale.

In all, a total of 108 Mysore Silk sarees were kept on sale on May 5 and a total of 51 sarees were sold that day. When the stock of sarees was taken at about 6.30 pm, there were 56 sarees instead of 57 and one saree priced at Rs. 72,633 was missing, following which the entire showroom was searched to trace the missing saree. Even the employees were questioned but the saree was not found. Though there is a CCTV camera in the showroom, it has become defunct.

Following the theft, Supervisor Jogaiah approached Devaraja Police Station and lodged a complaint in this regard.

Voter list remarks: BJP seeks arrest of KPCC Spokesperson

Mysuru, May 14 (MK&BCT)- State BJP Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh has demanded the immediate arrest of KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, accusing him of misleading the public and making irresponsible statements regarding deletion of voters from the electoral rolls.

Addressing a press meet at BJP Office in Mysuru yesterday, he alleged that Lakshmana's claim that 8.6 lakh voters were removed from Karnataka's electoral rolls through the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process to favour BJP was baseless.

Mahesh also dismissed Lakshmana's allegation that 43,000 Muslim voters had been deleted from Narasimharaja Assembly Constituency voter list. "There is no evidence for such a claim. Is he the Election Commission himself?" he asked.

Clarifying the SIR process, he said voters whose names appeared in electoral rolls up to 2002 need not submit fresh documents and that the revision process is carried out by Government staff, not political parties.

Questioning his claims, Mahesh asked: "Where are these 43,000 Muslims supposedly removed from NR voter list? Which country do they belong to?"

State BJP Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh** (centre) **addressing a press meet in city yesterday as former Mayor Sandesh Swamy and others look on.

Accusing Lakshmana of misleading the public and shielding infiltrators, he alleged that such statements amounted to betrayal of the nation. Mahesh urged the Home Department and the Election Commission to take immediate action against him.

He said the BJP would lodge an official complaint against Lakshmana for allegedly trying to disturb communal harmony.

NEET exams, gold buying

Commenting on the alleged NEET examination paper leak, Mahesh said the incident had caused anxiety among students and parents. He claimed vested interests were behind the leak and said the Union Government would ensure a thorough investigation and take steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks on reducing fuel and gold consumption, Mahesh accused opposition parties of spreading misinformation.

He said the PM's appeal was aimed at reducing imports and protecting economy, as excessive fuel and gold imports weaken the rupee against the dollar.

Heritage buildings

Meanwhile, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, who was present at the press meet, said Devaraja Market and Lansdowne building are not officially listed as heritage structures.

According to official records, only the temples atop Chamundi Hill and Varahaswamy temple in Palace premises are recognised as heritage sites, he said and added that only a small portion of Devaraja Market dates back to the royal era, while the remaining sections were constructed in later decades.

Illegal transportation of cattle

Driver held, vehicle seized, two oxen rescued

Mysuru, May 14 (GA&KS)- Mandi Police have arrested the driver of a goods vehicle on charges of transporting cattle illegally and have seized the goods vehicle besides rescuing two oxen from him.

On May 12 at about 9 am, when Mandi Police were conducting Shubhodaya patrolling, they saw a Tata Ace goods vehicle (KA-10-9485) with two oxen in it coming from Dasappa Circle side towards Railway Station Circle and stopped the vehicle near the entrance gate of MMC&RI.

When the Cops questioned the driver, he is said to have told them that his name was Rajkumar from Nanjapura in Hunsur and one Tausif from Udayagiri had called him over the phone and told him to meet one Shabu in Hunsur, who would give him two oxen which he has to transport them to Mysuru and hand them over to him in Udayagiri.

When the Cops asked him whether he had any documents to transport the oxen, Rajkumar replied in negative following which he was arrested, goods vehicle was seized, oxen rescued and a case was registered.

Obituary

M.L. Shivanna

Mysuru, May 14- M.L. Shivanna, a resident of Megalapura, Yelwal hobli in the taluk, passed away at the village on Tuesday. He leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the village yesterday, according to family sources.

Lakshmi Narasu

Hunsur: Lakshmi Narasu (84), wife of late Murthy (Post Murthy) and a resident of Manjunatha Layout, passed away yesterday in the town. She leaves behind her son Madhu, 2 daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in the town the same day.

Swadesi touch for government employees

Two-day khadi sales begin at DC Office

Mysuru, May 14 (MTY&VNS)- Following State Government's circular instructing the Government employees to wear khadi on first Saturdays of every month and during celebrations of national festivals including Gandhi Jayanthi among others, a two-day sale of khadi clothes began at the Deputy Commissioner's Office premises in Siddarthanagar here this morning.

The stalls were set up under the supervision of District Khadi Gramodyog Industries Officer Sharath Chandra at the corridors of the DC's Office.

Khadi Gramodyog Department has also announced a discount of 35 percent during the sale.

After discount, khadi shirts were priced at Rs. 600 onwards, waist coat between Rs. 1,200 and Rs. 1,300, shirt material at Rs. 400 - Rs. 600 per metre, khadi sarees between Rs. 2,500 and Rs. 3,500, kurta at Rs. 600 onwards, towels at Rs. 190 each, khadi lungi Rs. 400 each, khadi silk saree between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 10,000 and dress material at Rs. 600 onwards per metre.

The sale of khadi clothes and dress materials received a good response with government employees coming forward to purchase variety of clothing.

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who was on city rounds along with CM Siddaramaiah, will be formally inaugurating the khadi sales later today.

World's biggest Charaka planned at Badanavalu Khadi Centre: MLA

Nanjangud, May 14 (BS)- Nanjangud MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan has said, the world's biggest ever Charaka (spinning wheel) will be built on the premises of Khadi and Village Industries Centre at Badanavalu in Nanjangud taluk, to develop it as a prominent tourist attraction of the State.

He was speaking to media persons after inspecting the Khadi and Gramodyog Centre, at Badanavalu on May 12.

"Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi, with a noble intention to encourage the cottage industry, had established Khadi and Spinning Centre, during his visit to Badanwal. The State Government has allocated Rs. 40 crore to preserve and conserve this Khadi Centre, spread over 5.6 acres of land. To protect the history associated with Khadi Centre, a heritage style building will be constructed, along with a museum on the lines of Sabarmati Ashram in Gujarat, Yoga Centre, Go Shala and Cottage Industries," said Darshan.

The biggest ever Charaka, that has been planned will be kept in motion, with the help of a motor fixed to it. In addition, azure environment will be created, he added.

Nanjangud MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan visited the Khadi Centre at Badanavalu in Nanjangud taluk on Tuesday along with CEO of State Khadi and Village Industries Board Dr. D.B. Natesh.

Further encouragement will be given to produce khadi clothes, by encouraging and attracting youths to take up training in spinning khadi clothes, which commands a good price in the global market.

In the second stage, rural cottage industries like- matchbox and rope manufacturing, paper and others will be established.

Overall, the history pertaining to the freedom movement championed by Mahatma Gandhi, will be retold for posterity, highlighted Darshan.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of State Khadi and Village Industries Board Dr. D.B. Natesh said, MLA Darshan has a keen interest for the comprehensive development of Khadi Centre, which was established by Gandhiji in the year 1927. The MLA has instructed to unveil new attractions for the centenary year.

"A digital portrait of Gandhiji to create a realistic impression, digital screen to exhibit the video clippings of Gandhiji's freedom movement will be the other attractions. Presently, Holenarispur Society is involved in producing Khadi clothes here at Badanavalu," he added.

Former MLA Kalale Keshavmurthy, Tahsildar Smitha Ramu, Khadi Board Member Shabeer, AEE of Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) Sharan, AE Lokesh, leaders Srinivas Murthy, Somu, Vijaykumar, Mahesh and others were present.

Creating opportunities for specially-abled

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Prithvi Sudindar, Managing Trustee of Mythri Charitable Trust, said the organisation's primary objective was to create more opportunities for specially-abled individuals to interact with society and showcase their capabilities.

"Through such initiatives, we are trying to bring specially-abled children into the mainstream. We want society to see that these children are capable of doing meaningful work. Even if one child gets employed, it gives us immense satisfaction. With the right training and support, integration into mainstream society is definitely possible," she said.

Prithvi also stressed the importance of trained educators in special education. To ensure quality teaching, the Trust has been encouraging young teachers to pursue specialised training courses in special education and is currently sponsoring four teachers.

"If you are too strict or harsh with them, they react just like any other child. But when you teach them with kindness, patience and affection, they learn quickly. Repetition and gentle discipline help them improve and gain confidence," she explained.

Functions from rented space

At present, Mythri Special School functions from a rented building in Srirampura. Over the years, the institution has operated from different locations including Kuvempunagar. Despite serving the community for over four decades, the Trust is still awaiting a permanent space of its own.

According to Prithvi Sudindar, the erstwhile Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA), now the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), had communicated about allotting land to the Trust and the payment for the same had also been made.

"It has been nearly four years since then, but we are still waiting for further communication from the authority," she said.

Despite these challenges, Mythri Charitable Trust continues its mission of providing education, vocational skills and emotional support to specially-abled individuals.

Beyond academics and training, the institution strives to create an environment where every student feels accepted, respected and empowered to lead a fulfilling life.

Disha clears her SSLC exams against all odds

When the SSLC results were announced recently, Disha created a proud moment for Mythri School by becoming the only student from her school to pass the board examination.

Disha

What made the achievement even more remarkable was that Disha had a disability classification of more than 75 percent.

The feat demonstrates that with the right support, patience and opportunities, specially-abled children can build independent and meaningful lives.

Soft-spoken yet determined, Disha's success reflects years of discipline, perseverance and support from her teachers and parents. Fond of yoga, singing and dancing, she says Mathematics is her favourite subject, though she found English challenging.

"She worked hard and remained focused throughout the preparation," say her teachers, who guided her closely during the examinations.

Disha, in turn, credits both her teachers and parents for constantly encouraging her and helping her believe in herself.

Disha's story is one among several inspiring journeys at Mythri. Former student Manushree is now employed and also works as a teacher, while Spatika has excelled in tennis and won medals in para sports competitions.

Students such as Yashaswini and Ramya actively help and support other children at the institution and Manu is currently preparing for his PUC examinations.

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Michael (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-4)	4.30 pm 7.15 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	(S-2)	11.10 am
Dhruti (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	(S-2)	7 pm; (S-4) 10 pm
Dridam (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 4.45 pm
29 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	(S-3)	11.20 am; (S-4) 1.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

KD: The Devil (K)	:	11 am, 1.15 pm, 4.15 pm
		7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	:	11.30 am, 3.25 pm
		6.20 pm, 9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4.30 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	9 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10 am, 12.40 pm 4.40 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.05 am, 11 am, 12.45 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 6.35 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.10 am, 4 pm, 10.20 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	10.10 am, 12.45 pm
		7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	11 am, 7.45 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	:	1.25 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	1.35 pm, 7.25 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	1.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	3.20 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	5.10 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	6.45 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	7.50 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	10 am, 6.35 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.20 am, 11.35 am, 1.15 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	10.30 am, 2.30 pm, 5.05 pm
		7.40 pm, 10.15 pm
29 (Ta)	:	12.25 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	:	1 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	:	3.30 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	:	3.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	6.40 pm

Bhagini Raaga Sourabha to feature grand Karnatak vocal concert

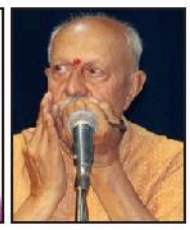
Mysuru, May 14- BSS Vidyodaya and RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru, supported by Samskara Bharathi, are set to host this edition of Bhagini Raaga Sourabha featuring a grand Karnatak vocal concert by **Vid. Niranjan Dindodi** on May 16 at 6 pm at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram here.

One of Karnatak music's promising young voices, Vid. Niranjan Dindodi has already carved a name for himself in the rarefied world of Karnatak classical music. A B-High Graded Artiste at All India Radio (AIR), he has graced prestigious Sabhas across the country, earning the admiration of connoisseurs and critics alike.

Vid. Niranjan Dindodi

Vid. Keshav Mohankumar

Vid. Shivashankar Swamy


Vid. V.S. Ramesh

His musical journey began at the age of five and currently trains under the esteemed *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Vid. R.K. Shriramkumar, having also received formative guidance from luminaries including Vid. G. Ravikiran, Vid. K.V. Krishna Prasad, Vid. M.K. Tejaswini and Vid. Sampagodu Vighnaraja. The breadth and depth of his tutelage is reflected in his command over raga, rhythm and lyrical expression.

His accomplishments have been recognised at the highest levels. He is the recipient of the prestigious M.S. Subbulakshmi Fellowship awarded by Shri Shanmukhananda Sabha, Mumbai, for 2025-2027.

He has also been conferred the Upcoming Artiste of the Year 2025 award by Brahma Gana Sabha, Chennai; the Sangeetha Mudhra award by the celebrated Mudhra Sabha, Chennai; and the Ananya Nadajyoti Yuva Puraskara. Additionally, he is a recipient of the CCRT Scholarship for Young Artistes given by the Government of India.

For this concert, he will be accompanied by **Vid. Keshav Mohankumar** on violin, **Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy** on mridanga and **Vid. V.S. Ramesh** on morching.

For details, contact Koviladi Kala on Mob: 94497-03610, according to a press release.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 14)

- **Uttaradi Mutt's Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana:** Procession as part of Adhika Masotsava - Sri 1008 Sri Satyatmateertha Sripadangal's Mysuru Digvijaya 2026, Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Agrahara, **4.30 pm.**
- **Vidyavardhaka Law College (VVLC):** Inauguration of 3-day 'Vidyothsava,' MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates, University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath chief guest, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) President Gundappa Gowda presides, VVS Secretary P. Vishwnath, VVS Treasurer Shreeshail Ramannavar and VVLC CMC Chairman S. Shivalingaiah guests of honour; Felicitation to newly appointed Judges R. Varun Raj, M. Soundarya, N. Deepika and Bhagyarathna Nayak; VVLC Principal Dr. P. Deepu will be present, Vidyavardhaka Law College, Seshadri Iyer Road. **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 15)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Khadi and Village Industries Board:** Make-shift Khadi Stall, new DC's office premises, Siddarthanagar, Bannur Road, **11 am to 6 pm.**
- **Horticulture Department:** Inauguration of Mango and Jackfruit Mela, Kuppanna Park, Nazarbad, **11 am.**
- **Dalitha Sangharsha Samithi (Co-ordination District Committee Mysore):** Seminar on 'Bahutva Bharata mattu Samvidhanavannu Asthiragolisuttiruva Komuvadi Shaktigalu,' Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara inaugurates, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **11 am.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** Felicitation to S. Srinivasarayaru, MP and titular head of Mysore Royal Family Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Excelsoft Technologies Limited Chairman & MD D. Sudhanva, former Minister S.A. Ramdas, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Mysore Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya chief guests, Tatvajnana Mandira, Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram, **5 pm.**
- **Basava Samiti, Teachers Layout, Shaktinagar and Vidyashankar Layout, Dr. Rajkumar Road:** First Anniversary celebrations, Basava Jayanti, Pratibha Puraskar and Felicitation to Achievers, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Basaveshwara Mutt Seer Sri Shivaprabhu Swamiji will grace the occasion, MLA Tanveer Sait inaugurates, MP Yaduveer Wadiyer, retd. Professor D.S. Sadashivamurthy, senior KAS Officer Dr. P. Shivaraju, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha Mysuru District President Hinkal Basavaraj and Basava Samiti President H.R. Vrishabhendra will be present, VTU Programme Co-ordinator Dr. Hema Patil and Circle Inspector S. Nagesh special achievers, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Auditorium, Teachers Layout, Dr. Rajkumar Road, **5.30 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

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Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	11.55 am, 2.35 pm, 5.10 pm
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Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	:	7.35 pm
Godari Gattupaina (Te)	:	10.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	10.30 am, 4 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm
		7.35 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation D (K)	:	11 am
Mortal Kombat II (E)	:	11.40 am, 2.15 pm
		4.50 pm, 7.25 pm, 10 pm
Daadi Ki Shaadi (H)	:	12.55 pm, 6.25 pm
29 (Ta)	:	2.05 pm
Mathe Male Hoyyuthide (K)	:	5.10 pm
Dridam (Ma)	:	7.45 pm
Angam Attahaasam (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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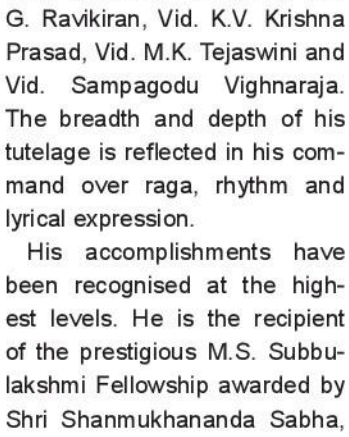

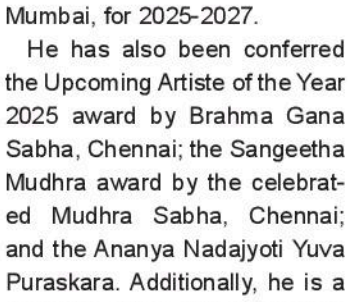

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